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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were unchanged in the West, lower elsewhere when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was steady to weak, mostly barely steady to weak in the East and Midwest. Demand into all channels was seasonally slow to fair, instances moderate for ads and promotions. Supplies were at least adequate and attractively priced to aid in movement. In the parts structure, trading was light and selective with regular commitments sufficient for needs; supplies of all items was at least adequate or available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 03/24/03-03/28/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
Delivered to First Receivers				
Bos/New Eng	53.00-55.00	53.67	15	55.48
Chicago	48.00-51.00	51.12	43	53.53
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	58.64
Denver	68.50	68.50	16	67.05
Detroit	50.00-51.00	51.86	14	55.88
Los Angeles	69.00	67.66	61	64.09
New York	50.00-53.00	51.41	22	54.72
Philadelphia	51.00-54.00	51.92	12	52.07
Pittsburgh	52.00-54.00	52.70	10	56.65
St. Louis	49.00-50.25	49.69	22	51.82
San Francisco	69.50	68.64	29	67.43

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	03/24/03	Change/Last Wk	03/17/03	03/25/02
630	58.01	-2.88	60.89	54.18

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	55.00-57.00	55.86	30
Central	52.00-59.00	56.98	66
West	54.00-64.00	61.45	46

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-63.00	63.32	80
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,156	48.00-66.25	62.49

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	172.00	1,382
BREASTS - B/S	156.00	5,096
BREASTS - WHOLE	86.00	1,398
THIGH MEAT - B/S	62.50	946
LEG QUARTERS	22.00	9,266
WINGS	70.50	3,403

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly entering the week but remained generally light and selective. Offerings of all sizes were available and competitively priced. Retail and distributive movement was light and unaggressive. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were adequate. Wings were readily available.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand following the weekend was slow to fair, best for ads and promotions, but usually limited to regular commitments. Supplies of all sizes were readily available with some discounts noted. In the parts structure, breast items were sufficient, dark meat and wings were at least adequate with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was about steady. Trading reported for this week's deliveries at unchanged prices on regular commitments and unchanged to generally lower on new negotiations. Offerings were adequate to ample. Steep discounts offered to help clear excess product. Buying activity had improved to cover first-of-the month needs. Demand by stores good where features planned only fair otherwise, restaurants fair to fairly good best by fast food. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trading on parts for this week's delivery was at unchanged prices. The Los Angeles weighted average on negotiated WOGs was down 56.63 down 5.05 with the volume reported at 32 loads unchanged from last week's level.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices into Ohio cities were TFEWR, remaining area's prices were lower from last Monday's finals. Whole fryer market tone was about steady, instances weak. Offerings were fully available for the limited trade interest. Movement into all channels mostly slow to light, occasionally moderate. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights in a desirable range. Trading on parts was limited as buyers remain cautious and current commitments sufficient for needs. Supplies were fully available on all items. The market tone was cautiously steady to instances weak on all items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds increased slightly, however, demand remained mostly light and unaggressive. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample; sizes varied from plant to plant. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 52 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, Boneless skinless and bone-in breasts were fully adequate. Leg cuts were adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Wings were ample.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	45-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.47
NO. OF BOXES	6,502

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly light and selective entering the week as dealers kept floor stocks in very close balance with immediate needs. Offerings of breast items were at least adequate. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient. Wings were readily available and slow to clear. Retail and distributive draw was seasonally light. The market tone was steady at best.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT	WTD	VOLUME
			AVG	/LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155		148.64	456,690
TENDERLOINS	110-115		117.03	108,920
BREAST - WITH RIBS	78-79		87.08	131,757
BREAST - LINE RUN	78		82.84	91,080
LEGS	32-33		33.00	302,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21		21.35	431,101
DRUMSTICKS	23-24		27.40	172,270
THIGHS	22-23		34.35	34,090
B/S THIGHS	62-63		67.68	41,120
WINGS (WHOLE)	66-67		72.43	170,270
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.39	31,080
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		25.20	13,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50		47.52	16,920

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,343	132.00-180.00	138-140	142.20
TENDERLOINS	1,178	108.00-178.00	124-126	124.06
BREAST - WITH RIBS	197	75.00-99.00	78-82	82.07
FRONT HALVES	376	68.00-79.00	68-69	69.12
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	265	17.50-21.00	17.5-18	18.82
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,363	20.00-22.00	20-21	20.74
WINGS (WHOLE)	128	45.00-78.00	-	56.51
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,409	16.00-23.00	20	19.68

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	03/24	03/20	03/20	03/17	03/13
ALA	3,727	3,780	5.08	3,918	5.10
ARK	5,283	5,122	4.93	5,247	4.95
DELMARVA	2,296	2,145	5.28	2,235	5.07
KY-LA-TN	1,933	1,932	4.71	1,918	4.77
MISS	2,858	2,979	5.25	2,909	5.36
NC	2,613	2,540	5.90	2,535	5.85
TEXAS	2,429	2,383	4.92	2,446	4.90
TOTAL	21,139	20,881	5.14	21,208	5.13
MON	21,139(A)			21,208(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Mar 2003 is estimated to be 31,627,000 down 0.62 percent from a week ago and up 4.24 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,825,000 last year 30,340,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
				AVG
BREAST - B/S	850	124.00-235.00	127-135	133.56
TENDERLOINS	112	120.00-180.00	-	139.38
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	85.00-89.00	85-87	85.96
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	112	28.00-38.00	29-30	30.05
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	720	17.00-21.00	19-20	19.20
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	730	19.00-26.00	21-22	22.03
WINGS (WHOLE)	102	55.00-71.00	-	65.05
WINGS (CUT)	375	73.00-85.00	82-84	81.91
DRUMSTICKS	68	38.00-47.00	-	38.92
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAR 24, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
46.00 - 50.00	48.04	48.28

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF MAR-24-28, 2002

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	125-153	140-150
BREAST - LINE RUN	68-102	85-90
LEGS	29-40	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-23.5	20
DRUMSTICKS	22-35	-
THIGHS	23-35	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	45-76	69-71
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-20	-
LIVERS	30-52	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	39-45	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-88
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	91-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-66
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	103-104
ICE PACK	96-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	113
ICE PACK	104-105
HENS OVER 5#	91-98
ICE PACK	
DRY PACK	
DUCKS	155-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

21-MAR-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-17.00	15.00-16.00	996,000	686,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.03	15.50		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-18.00	11.00-15.00	1,831,000	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.53	13.46		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.50	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.50		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

21-MAR-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	17.00	81,600	-
WTD AVERAGE		17.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-16.50	11.00-16.00	1,856,400	571,200
WTD AVERAGE	14.11	13.11		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	32,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate for the the at least adequate offerings. Finished sales were moderate. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal to less than normal. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 24-MAR-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9.5	7-8.5	7.92
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were mixed but about unchanged from the previous week. Demand was moderate for sufficient offerings of spent heavy hens. Sales of dressed product were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-MAR-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.75-11.25	7.5-8.5	8.32

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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